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Title: USE OF THE INTERFERON RECEPTOR 2C POLYPEPTIDE CHAIN TO ENHANCE THE ANTI-GROWTH EFFECTS OF TYPE I INTERFERONS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 17, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-4, and 6-14. The Examiner has not demonstrated that an undue searching burden would be required to examine the full scope of the claims.

No fee is believed to be due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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